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09/412,900 Application No. **REQUEST FOR** October 5, 1999 Filing Date **CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)** Kurumi MORI First Named Inventor **TRANSMITTAL** 2137 Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. §132, effective on May 29, 2000, Group Art Unit

provides for continued examination of an utility or plant application filed on or after June 8, 1995.

Courtney Fields **Examiner Name**

filed on or after June 8, 1995.						
See The American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA)				Atty Docket No.	1232-4577	
This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. §1.114 of the above-identified application. NOTE: 37 C.F.R. §1.114 is effective on May 29, 2000. If the above-identified application was filed prior to May 29, 2000, applicant may wish to consider filing a continued prosecution application (CPA) under 37 C.F.R. §1.53(d) (PTO/SB/29) instead of a RCE to be eligible for the patent term adjustment provisions of the AIPA. See Changes to Application Examination and Provisional Application Practice, Interim Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 14865 (Mar. 20, 2000), 1233 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office 47 (Apr. 11, 2000), which established RCE practice.						
1.	Su a.	bmiss	Previously submitted			
			i. Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. §1.116 previously filed on February 17, 2004. (Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered). Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on Other:			
	b.	Encl	i. Amendment/Reply ii. Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s) iii. Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) iv. Other:		RECEIVED MAR 1 7 2004 Technology Center 2100	
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	a.		Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. §1.103(c) for a period of months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(i) required)			
	b.	Other:				
3.		Fee	The RCE fee under C.F.R. §1.17(e) is required by 37 C.F.R. §1.114 when the RCE is filed			
	a.		The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following Account No. 13-4503, i. RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. §.1.17(e) ii. Extension of time fee (37 C.F.R. §§1.136 and 1 iii. Other	·	y overpayments, to Deposit	
	b.	\boxtimes	Check in the amount of \$770.00 enclosed.			
	c.	×	The Director is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. <u>13-4503</u> Order No. 1232-4577			
SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT, ATTORNEY, OR AGENT REQUIRED						

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